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SUBJ: ENVIRONMENTAL AGREEMENT; PROJECT XI-2.1;

HARMONIZATION OF AIR AND WATER POLLUTION STANDARDS

1. REQUEST EMBASSY PASS FOLLOWING FROM DR. SIDNEY GALLER
TO KRUTOV OF GOSSTANDART AND KAZAKOV OF HYDROMET.

2. MR. BORIS V. KRUTOV

DEPUTY CHIEF OF THE TECHNICAL ADMINISTRATION

STATE COMMITTEE ON STANDARDS (GOSSTANDART)

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DEAR MR. KRUTOV:

IN RESPONSE TO THEME 7 OF THE WORK PROGRAM FOR PROJECT
XI-2.1 "HARMONIZATION OF AIR AND WATER POLLUTION

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STANDARDS," WE HAVE REVIEWED THE LIST OF USSR METROLOGIC

PROPOSALS SUBMITTED FOR POSSIBLE INCLUSION IN THE
ACTIVITIES UNDER PROJECT XI-2.1.

THE SOVIET PROPOSALS ARE COMPREHENSIVE IN SCOPE AND IN
DEPTH. THIS HAS RAISED THE POSSIBILITY THAT SOME OF
THE TOPICS CONTAINED IN THE SOVIET PROPOSALS MAY BE
THE SUBJECT OF OTHER US-USSR EXCHANGES. THIS IS
PARTICULARLY TRUE WITH RESPECT TO PROJECTS UNDER THE
US-USSR ENVIRONMENTAL AGREEMENT AS WELL AS UNDER VARIOUS
INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS GROUPS. WE THEREFORE
UNDERTOOK A SURVEY TO DETERMINE THE MOST PRODUCTIVE TOPICS
ON YOUR LIST FOR DETAILED CONSULTATION UNDER PROJECT XI-
2.1. OUR REVIEW INDICATED THAT THERE ARE ALREADY A
CONSIDERABLE NUMBER OF ONGOING AND PLANNED EXCHANGES WITHIN
MANY OF THE TOPICS SUGGESTED AND THAT CARE MUST BE TAKEN
TO AVOID UNNECESSARY DUPLICATION OF EFFORT.

THE COMPLEXITY OF METROLOGICAL STUDIES AND THE NUMBER OF
ONGOING PROJECTS IN THIS GENRAL AREA NECESSITATE, IN OUR
OPINION, DETAILED FACE-TO-FACE DISCUSSION ON WHICH TOPICS
WOULD BE MOST SUITABLE FOR INCORPORATION INTO PROJECT XI-
2.1. THEREFORE, WE PREFER THAT THIS SUBJECT BE PLACED ON
THE AGENDA FOR THE SCHEDULED OCT VISIT OF THE SOVIET
DELEGATION. AT THAT TIME, WE WOULD INVITE THE SELECTIVE
PARTICIPATION OF REPS FROM THE INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS ORGA-
NIZATION, THE INTERNATIONAL ELECTROTECHNICAL COMMISSION,
THE AMERICAN SOCIETY OF TESTING MATERIALS, AND OTHER
INVOLVED PUBLIC AND PRIVATE GROUPS.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO PURSUING THIS MATTER AT OUR OCTOBER
MEETING IF YOU FIND THIS SUGGESTION ACCEPTABLE.

SINCERELY,

SIDNEY R. GALLER
DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY
FOR ENVIRONMNETAL AFFAIRS
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE KISSINGER

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